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Re: Notice in Compliance with Decision No. 74011 (Docket No. T-20871A-12-0508)

# **Docket Control:**

Nexus Communications, Inc. ("Nexus" or the "Company"), by its counsel, respectfully submits this notice to the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") in compliance with Decision No. 74011, Finding of Fact 43(f).

# I. BACKGROUND

Nexus Communications, Inc. is an Ohio corporation with its principal place of business at 3629 Cleveland Avenue, Suite C, Columbus, Ohio 43224. Nexus provides Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") through the resale of service of other wireless carriers.

On July 30, 2013, the Commission approved the application of Nexus Communications, Inc. for designation as a wireless eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(l) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service Lifeline support in Arizona, for the designated service area set forth in the application and subject to the conditions set forth in Finding of Fact No. 43 of the decision approving the application. *See* Decision No. 74011. Finding of Fact No. 43(f) requires that "[i]n the event that Nexus requests to…no longer provide Lifeline services, it must provide notice to both the Commission and its customers. Such notice(s) shall be in accordance with A.A.C. R14-2-1107." Pursuant to Finding of Fact 43(f),

Nexus hereby provides such notice to the Commission and confirms that notice was also sent to its subscribers in accordance with Decision No. 74011 and the guidance of A.A.C. R14-2-1107. Nexus also plans to relinquish its ETC designation in all jurisdictions in which designation was granted, in conjunction with the discontinuation of service.

Under A.A.C R14-2-1107, notice the Commission must include:

- 1. Any reasons for the proposed discontinuance of service or abandonment of service area:
- 2. Verification that all affected customers have been notified of the proposed discontinuance or abandonment, and that all affected customers will have access to an alternative local exchange service provider or interexchange service provider;
- 3. Where applicable, a plan for the refund of deposits collected pursuant to subsection R14-2-503(B);
- 4. A list of all alternative utilities providing the same or similar service within the affected geographic area.

Nexus provides information on each of the foregoing below.

# II. REASONS FOR DISCONTINUANCE

Nexus' decision to discontinue service is the result of changes in the industry and proposed modifications to the Lifeline program.

# III. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE AND ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

On March 22, 2016, all Nexus subscribers were notified by text message of Nexus' proposed discontinuance of service as follows:

ReachOut Wireless will stop providing your service on April 21. Please contact another Lifeline provider like SafeLink or Assurance Wireless if you still want Lifeline service after April 21. Questions? Call 1-866-392-7123.

Nexus provides wireless Lifeline service and not local exchange or interexchange service.

Therefore, Nexus has not included in the present notice a discussion of ensuring access to alternative providers of local exchange or interexchange service. Nevertheless, Nexus

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This notice serves as "advance notice" under the federal requirement for ETC relinquishment, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205.

subscribers will have access to alternative wireless Lifeline service in Arizona, including TracFone Wireless d/b/a SafeLink or Virgin Mobile d/b/a Assurance Wireless, as stated in the notice to subscribers.

# IV. NO DEPOSITS TO REFUND

Nexus has taken no deposits from its subscribers and therefore has no refunds to make to consumers.

# V. LIST OF ALTERNATIVE CARRIERS IN AFFECTED GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Nexus was certified to operate as an ETC in the geographic service areas where its underlying carrier, Verizon Wireless, provides coverage, with the exception of Federally-Recognized Tribal Lands located within the State of Arizona. There are several alternative carriers that provide competitive wireless Lifeline service in non-Tribal areas of the state, including TracFone Wireless, TerraCom, i-wireless, Budget Prepay, Global Connection Inc. of America, Q Link Wireless, Virgin Mobile, Telrite, Blue Jay Wireless, Total Call Mobile, and Boomerang Wireless.

# VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence or communications pertaining to this notice should be directed to Nexus' attorneys:

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Questions concerning the ongoing operations of Nexus following discontinuance should be directed to the above referenced counsel and to:

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#### VII. CONCLUSION

Nexus believes it has provided sufficient "notice to both the Commission and its customers" in compliance with its ETC designation, in order to discontinue its wireless Lifeline service in Arizona.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 23rd day of March 2016.

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